INTERVIEW SUMMARY

On May 4, 2009 a personal interview was conducted with Examiner Nicholas Woodall. Mark Garscia and Saeid Mirsafian attended on behalf of the applicant.

During the interview claim 1 was discussed as well as the examiner's rejection of the claim based on Sutter and Tipirrneni. It is the undersigned's belief that the examiner agreed that the screw 11 of Sutter could not be entirely inserted into the bone. The examiner suggested amending claim 1 to recite that a diameter "along an entire length" of the tube is greatest at an outer diameter of the bone thread. The suggestion has been adopted by the applicant.

In addition, it is believed that the examiner also agreed that the wire 12 of Tipirrneni was not suitable to transfer torque applied to the second end section from a screw-in tool to screw in and fully immerse the tube into a bone, as recited in claim 1.

The undersigned wishes to thank Examiner Woodall for the time and attention devoted to the interview.